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ALLARD HONORS CRAWFORD Says Medal of Honor Recipient A True American Hero

Washington D.C.— U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Wednesday during a floor speech in the U.S. Senate, honored William J. Crawford, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, as a national hero. Mr. Crawford, who passed away on March 15, served in World War II and left behind a history of courage, sacrifice, and loyalty.

“Mr. Crawford’s actions during World War II made him a true American hero,” Allard said in his speech. “He won the Congressional Medal of Honor - our nation’s highest award - specifically for his actions during World War II on a hill in Italy. Even after demonstrating his honor and integrity in the war, he continued to show that the medal was well deserved by the actions of each and every day of the rest of his life,” Allard added.

Mr. Crawford not only served in World War II, but he continued to benefit his country throughout the rest of his life. He kept in contact with the armed forces and our future military leaders by becoming a janitor at the Air Force Academy, and proceeded to educate younger generations about World War II.

“Mr. Crawford’s life was one of service: from the gallantry in combat to the less intense but also important roles as mentor, community volunteer, scoutmaster, and role model,” Allard said. “As that life ends, as we honor a departed hero, we also recognize the continuance of the memory and legacy of a life well lived,” concluded Allard.

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